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Education – PhD in International Relations (South Asia Study Division), SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), M. Phil – SIS, JNU
M.A. – Political Science, B.A. – Political Science (H)

Languages –Hindi and English

CAREER OBJECTIVES:

- To work with sincerity and integrity, gaining experience through hard work and getting the desired result for the organisational/institutional concerns.
- To extend my research interests in international migration and diaspora studies, diaspora and foreign policy, diaspora governance, South Asian diaspora, Indian foreign policy, India and neighbourhood, South Asian politics, particularly in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and non-traditional security issues in the South Asian region.

Professional Experience

Over thirteen years of teaching and research experience (around five years of teaching at UG and PG levels at the University of Delhi and Jamia Millia Islamia, and eight years of research experience at PMML, ICWA, and GRFDT).

Positions Held

- **Assistant Professor at Kamala Nehru College, DU, July 2024 – August 2026 -**
 - ✓ Conducting courses for UG students
 - ✓ Member of AQAR Committee
- **Fellow at Pradhan Mantri Museum & Library – June 2022 to May 2024**
 - ✓ At PMML, I worked on a book project on migration, pandemics, and the role of the third sector. The manuscript has been submitted.

➤ **Senior Fellow at the Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism (GRFDT) – November 2018 to May 2022**

- ✓ Worked on the issues of migration, diaspora and transnationalism, Indian diaspora and South Asian diaspora, international migration, and development.
- ✓ I was a member of the editorial board as well.

➤ **Research Fellow at ICWA – April 2013- October 2018**

- ✓ Conducted research on the issues of security and foreign policy in South Asia (particularly Afghanistan and Pakistan), non-traditional security issues in South Asia, migration, diaspora and foreign policy.
- ✓ Coordinated the Core Group on Pakistan (CGP) and successfully conducted its eight meetings. The output of the meeting was produced in the form of a book named ‘Insights into Evolution of Contemporary Pakistan’, edited by Satish Chandra and Smita Tiwari (2015).
- ✓ At the Council, I coordinated an international conference on “Transitions and Interdependence: India and its Neighbours” on 20-21 February 2014. I also coordinated an international seminar on “Heart of Asia – Istanbul Process”, on 10-11 November 2016 at the Council.

➤ **Assistant Professor at ARSD, University of Delhi and Jamia Millia Islamia – August 2011-March 2013**

- ✓ I worked as an ad-hoc and guest faculty in the University of Delhi and at the Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (NMCPCR), Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, from 2011-13.
- ✓ At NMCPCR, I developed a course related to South Asia. I took students on a field trip to Kashmir to study the nature of conflict and to understand the views of various stakeholders in the region.
- ✓ While teaching at Delhi University, the courses I taught included international relations, political theory, state, citizenship and governance, peace and conflict in South Asia, comparative politics, foreign policy, globalisation, etc.

➤ **Other Work Experience**

- ✓ Have been contributing to the Swayam Prabha portal since July 2025, a free DTH Channel for education under the MoE.
- ✓ Assisted in a book project titled ‘Politics of Migration: Indian Emigration in a Globalised World’ written by Dr. A. Didar Singh and Professor S. Irudaya Rajan, Routledge (2015).
- ✓ Written content for the e-pathshala subject Sociology, in the paper ‘India and its Diaspora’, coordinated by Professor Sujata Patel/ Professor Kamala Ganesh. The

title of the module was ‘Evolution of the Government of India policy on Overseas Indians’. This module was written in 2015.

- ✓ Worked as a Research Assistant with Dr. A. Didar Singh in his project, “Working with Diaspora for Development: Policy Perspectives from India”, Working Paper no. 376, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore.
- ✓ Worked at United Service Institution of India (USI, New Delhi) as an Editorial Assistant from 2006-07 for the USI Journal, USI Digest and conducted National Security Seminars for USI.
- ✓ Also, worked at the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS, New Delhi) as a Research Intern under the Internship Programme in August 2005.

Scholarships

I received a Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) from the University Grants Commission (UGC) from 2008-11.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

- International Project on “Migration, Pandemic and Responses from the Third Sector: Lessons from Brazil and India”, jointly conducted by Queen Mary, University of London, Cedeplar Brazil, and GRFDT, New Delhi. Duration of the project – three months (January - March 2021). Role – On behalf of the GRFDT, I participated in the project as a lead. The report of the project was launched virtually on 21 April 2021.
- International Project on “Urban Sanctuary, Migrant Solidarity and Hospitality in Asia”, conducted by Toronto Metropolitan Centre for Immigration and Settlement (TMCIS). An SSHRC-funded project, the objective of this project was to prepare a literature review in the form of a Working Paper, with a focus on Asia, especially South Asia and the Indo-Pacific region. Role – On behalf of the GRFDT, I participated in the project as a lead. The Working Paper has been published by the Global Migration Institute, No. 26/02.

Memberships of Academic Bodies/Organisations

- Core member of the Centre for Studies in International Relations (CSIR), a New Delhi-based think tank focused on Indic perspectives in international relations.
- Member of Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism (GRFDT), a New Delhi-based think tank focused on migration and diaspora.

Seminar / Conference / Workshop:

Organized/ Chaired

- Chaired a session ‘Gender and Migration’, in a two-day international conference on “Migration and Sustainable Development: Opportunities, Challenges and the Way Forward”, jointly organised by the Centre for Labour Studies (TISS)

Mumbai, and the International Institute of Migration and Development (IIMAD) on 15-16 December 2023.

- Co-coordinated Global Deliberative Conclave – ‘The Sun Never Sets on the Indian Diaspora’, under C20 “Vasudhaiva Kutumbkam”, organised by Antar Rashtriya Sahyog Parishad (ARSP) in collaboration with Vivekananda Kendra, Chinmaya Mission and Centre for Studies in International Relations (CSIR) on 22-23 July 2023.
- Coordinated Sub-Theme on “Indian Skilled and Unskilled Labours and Students in Diaspora” (Code - GIDSC 17) of International Interdisciplinary Series of Conferences on the Global Indian Diasporas: Literary, Cultural and Socio-Economic Perspectives in the 21st Century, 23-25 February 2023, organised by Centre for Diaspora Studies, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, India
- Coordinated an international webinar virtually on “Migrants and Displaced Persons Amid COVID-19: Issues, Challenges and Policy Options, 15-17 October 2020.
- Co-ordinated an International Seminar on “Heart of Asia – Istanbul Process”, on 10-11 November 2016 conducted by the Indian Council of World Affairs at ICWA, Sapru House, New Delhi.
- Coordinated an International Conference on “Migration Diaspora and Development”, on February 20-21, 2016 conducted by GRFDT at IIC.
- Coordinated an International Conference on “Transitions and Interdependence: India and its Neighbours” on February 20-21, 2014 conducted by the Indian Council of World Affairs at ICWA, Sapru House, New Delhi.

Presented

- Presented a paper on ‘Urban Sanctuary, Migrant Solidarity and Hospitality in Asia’, at the Soli*City Summit on 03-05 March 2026, University of Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Presented a paper on ‘Bangladesh at a Crossroad’, in the two-day national conference on Implications of the Political Turmoil in Bangladesh, organised by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, on 26th-27th March 2025 at India International Centre, New Delhi.
- Presented a paper on ‘G20 and Contribution of the Indian Diaspora’ in a two-day national seminar on “G20 Presidency and India’s Global Leadership Role” jointly organised by IGNOU and Centre for Studies in International Relations (CSIR), New Delhi on 10-11 January 2024.
- Presented a paper on ‘Migration, Pandemics and Responses from the CSOs: Lessons from the COVID-19’ at Pradhan Mantri Museum and Library (PMML) on 05 September 2023.
- Presented a paper on ‘Afghanistan amidst Political Instability and the Pandemic’ at the International Women Summit 2020, organised by NIICE Nepal on 18 July 2020.
- Presented a paper on 'Political Developments in India's Neighbourhood: Issues and Challenges' in an Interaction with the students of the Department of Social

- Work, School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi on 17 April 2017.
- Presented a paper on ‘Counter-Terrorism Efforts in Afghanistan’, in an international seminar on ‘Heart of Asia – Istanbul Process’, organised by the Indian Council of World Affairs at ICWA, Sapru House, New Delhi on 10-11 November 2016.
 - Participated in the Third Workshop for Asia Pacific Young Scholars, organised by CSCAP China and the Chinese Institute of International Studies (CIIS) in Beijing, China from 04- 13 September 2016.
 - Presented a Paper on “States’ Response to the Refugee Crisis in South Asia: Focus on Afghan Refugees in Pakistan”, at the Young South Asia Scholar Meet (Y-SASM) 2016, an International Workshop on “Transforming the ‘Political’ in South Asia”, organized by Centre for Modern India Studies (CeMIS), University of Gottingen, Gottingen, Germany on 24- 25 June 2016.
 - Presented a Paper on “Afghans in Pakistan: Issues of Statelessness and Belonging” at an International Conference on “Migration and Citizenship(s)” organized by Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS), Shimla on 30 May - 01 June 2016.
 - Presented a Paper on ‘Act East Policy under the NDA Government’ in a National Seminar, organized by RCA Girls (PG) College, Mathura, UP on 1st & 2nd February 2016.
 - Presented a Paper on “India–China in Afghanistan: Is Cooperation Possible?” at a National Conference on *India-China Relations: Conflict or Cooperation* organized by the Department of Defence Studies, Meerut College, Meerut on 28-29 November 2015.
 - Presented a paper on “Non-traditional Security Issues in South Asia” at the International Seminar on Globalization and Human Security: Issues and Challenges” organized by Sri Varshaneya College, Aligarh on 21st-22nd November 2015.
 - Presented a Paper on “India –Pakistan’s Strategic Rivalry in Afghanistan” at the National Conference on India-Pakistan’s Relations: Issues and Challenges, organized by the Department of Defense Studies, Meerut College, Meerut on 12-13 September 2015.
 - Presented a paper on “Engaging South Asian Diaspora: A Comparative Study of States’ Policies for India, Pakistani and Bangladeshi Diaspora”, at an International Conference organized by the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore, Singapore, on 26th-27th September 2012.
 - Presented a Paper on “India’s Diaspora Policies” in the Monthly Seminar Series at the Global Research Forum of Diaspora and Transnationalism (GRFDT), New Delhi on 12th May 2012.
 - Participated in an International Conference on “Diaspora and Development: Prospects and Implications for Nation States”, organized by the School of Extension and Development Studies and School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies, IGNOU, New Delhi, on 7th – 8th September 2011.

- Participated in Short-Term Training on Methods and Approaches in Research on Migration Issues, held on March 21-25, 2011, organized by Research Unit on International Migration, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram.
- Participated in the Social Science Research Methods Festival, organized by Ambedkar University, Delhi from 11th to 31st December 2010.
- Presented a paper on “Secessionist Movement in Sri Lanka: Role of the State” in a Student Seminar on “Revisiting Ethnicity and Nation Building in South, Central, South-East Asia and South West Pacific” on 29 January 2007, SIS building, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- Presented a paper on “Diaspora and Homeland Politics” at an International Conference on “Away but not Apart: Evolving Relationship between India and Her Diaspora” organised by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies in collaboration with the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA) in Kolkata, 11-13 January 2007.
- Presented a paper on “Internal Displacement and Role of the State: The Case of Sri Lanka” in the International Workshop on “Forced Migration” organised by Calcutta Research Group (CRG) and Academy of Third World Studies (ATWS) in Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, from 18th to 22nd September 2006.
- Presented a paper on “Indian Diaspora: In Peace and Conflict” at IPCS in November 2005

PUBLICATIONS:

Edited Books

- Pankaj Jha and Smita Tiwari (2015) *Transitions and Interdependence: India and Its Neighbours*, Knowledge World Pvt. Ltd. and Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, ISBN 978-93-83649-59-4.
- Satish Chandra and Smita Tiwari (2015) *Insights into Evolution of Contemporary Pakistan*, Indian Council of World Affairs and Pentagon Press, New Delhi, ISBN 978-81-8274.

Published Chapters in Books

- “India-Pakistan’s Strategic Rivalries in Afghanistan” in *Indo-Pak Tensions: Conflict or Cooperation* (2015), eds. By Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Dr. Anurag Jaiswal and Dr. Muhammad Samir Hussain, G. N. Books, New Delhi and ADRISS, Meerut, UP.
- “Engaging the Indian Diaspora for Development” in Professor Irudaya Rajan (ed.) (2014) *India Migration Report 2014* on ‘Diaspora and Development’, Routledge, New Delhi.
- “Diaspora Engagement Policy in South Asia”, in Professor Tan Tai Young and Dr. Md. Mizanur Rahman (eds.) (2013) *Diaspora Engagement and Development in South Asia*, Palgrave Macmillan.
- “India’s Policy for Diaspora: Continuity and Change” (Chapter 15, pp. 279-296) in *Interpreting the Indian Diaspora: Lessons from History and Contemporary Politics* (2009), edited by Jayanta Kumar Ray, PHISPC, New Delhi.

Book Reviews

- Multiple Homemaking: The Ethnic Condition in Indian Diaspora Societies by Ruben Gowricharn (London and New York: Routledge, 2021, 192 pages, ISBN: 9781032046051 in *Diaspora Studies*, vol. 16, 2023, pp. 113-119.
- Non-Traditional Security Challenges in Asia: Approaches and Responses by Shebonti Ray Dadwal and Uttam Kumar Sinha (Eds), (New Delhi: Routledge, 2015) in *India Quarterly*, 72(2) 1–3, June 2016.
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- The India-Pakistan Conflict: An Enduring Rivalry edited by T. V. Paul (New Delhi: Cambridge University Press, 2006) in *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal*, Vol. 2, No. 3, July- September 2007.

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- India, China’s Quest for Influence in South Asia, *The Pioneer*, 5 July 2020.
- “चीनी कर्ज जाल की काट जरूरी”, दैनिक जागरण, रविवार, 02 दिसंबर 2018, पृष्ठ – 11.
- Appointment of Justice Dalveer Bhandari to ICJ: Reflecting the Rise of Asia", *Diplomatist*, December 2017. It may be accessed at <http://www.diplomatist.com/perspective/article20171228.html#>
- "India-Afghanistan Friendship", Special Report, *Diplomatist*, October 2017. It may be accessed at <http://diplomatist.com/specialreport/2017afghanistan/index.html>
- Viewpoint "Presidential Election in South Korea: A Status Note" published at ICWA website on 05 May 2017. It may be accessed at <http://www.icwa.in/pdfs/VP/2014/PresidentialElectioninSouthKoreaVP05052017.pdf>
- Viewpoint "Economic Cooperation Organisation 13th Summit: An Assessment" published at ICWA website on 07 April 2017. It may be accessed at <http://www.icwa.in/pdfs/VP/2014/ECOSummitVP07042017.pdf>
- Issue Brief "Assessing Istanbul Process as Regional Initiative on Afghanistan & Way Forward" published at ICWA website on 24 March 2017. It may be accessed at <http://www.icwa.in/pdfs/IB/2014/IPRIAfghanistanIB24032017.pdf>
- Issue Brief "Fethulla Gülen Movement in South Asia" published at ICWA website on 05 October 2016. It may be accessed at <http://icwa.in/pdfs/IB/2014/fethullagulenmovementinsouthasia.pdf>
- “वक्त की माँग है नीतिगत बदलाव”, दैनिक जागरण, रविवार, 12 जून 2016.
- Viewpoint “Rerouting of TUTAP Power Project: Protests in Afghanistan”, published at ICWA website on 27 May 2016. It may be accessed at <http://www.icwa.in/pdfs/VP/2014/TUTAPowerProjectAfghanistan27052016.pdf>
- Issue Brief “Understanding Taliban and the Peace Process” published at ICWA website on 28 April 2016. It may be accessed at

<http://www.icwa.in/pdfs/IB/2014/UnderstandingTalibanPeaceProcessIB28042016.pdf>

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- “एक कदम आगे दो कदम पीछे की पाकिस्तानी नीति”, दैनिक जागरण, रविवार, 06 सितंबर 2015.
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- “समदर्शी दृष्टिकोण की दरकार”, दैनिक जागरण, रविवार, 8 फ़रवरी 2015.
- Viewpoint “Pakistan and Russia: A New Era of Cooperation”, published at ICWA website on 22 December 2014. It may be accessed at <http://www.icwa.in/pdfs/VP/2014/Pakistanrussia22122014VP.pdf>
- Issue Brief “Winds of Change in South Asia”, published at ICWA website on June 20, 2014. It may be accessed at <http://www.icwa.in/pdfs/IB/2014/IBWindsOfChange.pdf>
- Issue Brief “Post-election Security Challenges in Afghanistan”, published at ICWA website on May 29, 2014. It may be accessed at <http://www.icwa.in/pdfs/IB/2014/IBpostelectionina.pdf>
- “States’ Policies for Diasporas: A Case of the Indian Diaspora”, published in *World Focus*, Special Issue on Indian Diaspora: Connecting and Engaging Generations: Indian Identity, 409, January 2014.
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